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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE TO LIBERIA

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QUOTED BELOW IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE TOLBERT/OBASANJO
COMMUNIQUE:

"JOINT COMMUNIQUE

THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NIGERIA,
HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO,
PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO LIBERIA AT THE INVITATION
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA, DR.
WILLIAM R. TOLBERT, JR., FROM FEBRUARY 19TH TO 20TH,
1978.

THE VISIT AFFORDED THE TWO HEADS OF STATE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO
THW TWO SISTER STATES, AND THEY EXPRESSED COMPLETE
SATISFACTION WITH THE BOND OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH SO
HAPPILY SUBSIST BETWEEN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA
AND THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

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THE TWO HEADS OF STATE REVIEWED PROBLEMS AFFECTING
WORLD PEACE IN GENERAL AND THE CURRENT SITUATION IN
AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST WHERE THE SITUATION CONTINUES
TO BE OF GREAT CONCERN.

ON AFRICA, THE TWO HEADS OF STATE REAFFIRMED THEIR
CONTINUING DEDICATION TO THE TOTAL ERADICATION OF

RACISM, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM, AND AGAIN RENEWED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE JUST STRUGGLES OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

THE HEADS OF STATE STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE CONTINUING MURDER OF DEFENSELESS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND TOTALLY REJECTED THE BANTUSTAN POLICY OF THE APARTHUEID REGIME. IN THIS REGARD, THE TWO HEADS OF STATE PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE FOR THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF AFRICA FROM COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, APARTHEID AND RACISM, AND FOR THE RESTORATION OF FREEDOM, SOCIAL JUSTICE, RACIAL EQUALITY AND HUMAN DIGNITY IN THE REGION.

ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND THE HEAD OF STATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE CORDIAL AND FRATERNAL RELATIONS SUBSISTING BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES. THEY HOWEVER RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO FOSTER AND EXPAND THESE RELATIONS IN ALL AREAS OF COOPERATION.

WITH REGARD TO THE SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA, THE TWO HEADS OF STATE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CONFLICT WILL BE SETTLED BY PEACEFUL MEANS IN ACCORD-
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ANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE CHARTERS OF THE OAU AND THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION.

ON THE QUESTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST, THE TWO HEADS OF STATE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS WOULD BE FOUND IN KEEPING WITH RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE OAU.

THE TWO HEADS OF STATE EXPRESSED THEIR FULL SUPPORT FOR THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES AND REDEDICATED THEMSELVES ANEW TO THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION.

THEY ALSO REAFFIRMED THEIR FAITH IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION AS EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENTS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE, JUSTICE AND SECURITY IN AFRICA AND IN THE WORLD AT LARGE.

HIS EXCELLENCY LT. GENERAL OBASANJO EXPRESSED PROFOUND THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF LIBERIA FOR THE WARM AND FRATERNAL WELCOME ACCORDED

HIM AND HIS ENTOURAGE THROUGHOUT HIS VISIT IN LIBERIA.

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE HEAD OF THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES WAS ACCOMPANIED
BY:

1. MRIGADIER J.N. GARBA - COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

2. MR. ADAMU SULEMAN - MEMBER OF THE SUPREME MILITARY
COUNCIL

3. GROUP CAPTAIN D. SULEIMAN - GOVERNOR OF PLATEAU STATE

4. COLONEL M. MAGORO - COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORT
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5. DR. O. ADEWOYE - FEDERAL COMMISSIONER FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

6. AMBASSADOR E. MARTINS, - NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO
LIBERIA AND A TEAM OF SENIOR OFFICIALS.

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA WAS ATTENDED
BY:

1. HON. T. SIAFA SHERMAN - ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

2. HON. JAMES T. PHILLIPS, JR. - MINISTER OF FINANCE

3. HON. SAMUEL D. HILL - MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, RURAL
DEVELOPMENT & URBAN RECONSTRUCTION

4. HON. SAMUEL D. GREENE - ACTING MINISTER OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS

5. HON. E. SUMO JONES - ACTING MINISTER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND
TRANSPORTATION

6. HON. E.R. TOWNSEND - MINISTER OF STATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS

7. AMBASSADOR TURNER STEWART - LIBERIA AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA

DONE AT THE CITY OF MONROVIA THIS 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY,
A.D. 1978.

FOR THE REPUBLIC OF LLIBERIA

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DR. WILLIAM R. TOLBERT JR.
PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA

FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

LT. GENERAL OLUSEGUN OBASANJO
HEAD OF THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE ARMED FORCES
OF NIGERIA.
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